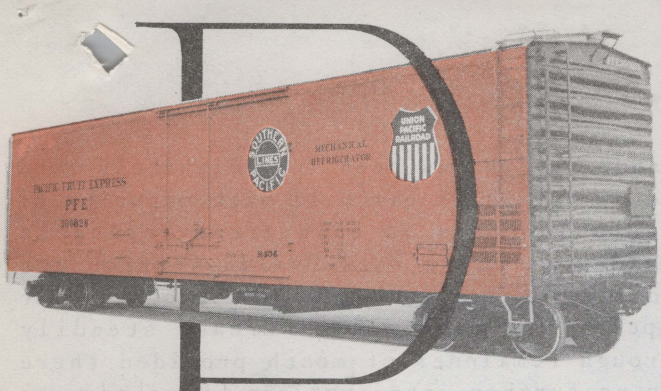

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NEWS LETTER

PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 1959

P.F.E. LOADINGS

	1959			1958		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
November	*22,683*	*1,243*	*23,926*	*21,327*	*1,093*	*22,420*
January-November	*279,284*	*32,171*	*311,455*	*293,587*	*28,689*	*322,276*

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CAR SITUATION

Car supplies on Contract Lines at close of November were down to day to day basis, and in anticipation of increased loading for Christmas markets, it was necessary to arrange for 500 foreign refrigerator cars at Missouri River Junctions between December 1st and 8th. With pre-Holiday loading expected to continue in good volume through December 14th, taking of additional foreign cars from time to time will be necessary in order to maintain adequate supplies in loading territories. In view of gradual, although constant, decrease in complement of PFE cars and necessity of obtaining full protection of loading with a minimum use of foreign equipment, all concerned must be prepared to work with a constantly close car supply.

CROP CONDITIONS

ALONG SOUTHERN PACIFIC -

Oregon: Storage pears from Rogue River Valley and potatoes from Klamath Basin continue as principal crops moving from southern Oregon, and in territory from Eugene northwest to Portland, loading consists of frozen foods, canned goods, onions, and other miscellaneous commodities. Movement of potatoes from Klamath Basin continues in very good volume and well ahead of last year. Both potatoes and pears are moving in heavier per car tonnage under incentive rates.

Northern California: Citrus loading in Porterville section passed peak during first week in December, and movement will

show a gradual but steady decrease through remainder of month. Vegetables from Salinas Valley are expected to continue in good volume through December 14th when last shipments to serve Christmas markets in the eastern centers will have been made. A noticeable decrease in loadings is anticipated after that date. Canned goods loading in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Jose, and Sacramento-Stockton Districts continues in good seasonal volume and somewhat heavier than last year. Storage grapes from San Joaquin Valley moved in good volume during first ten days of December, and loading should hold up through December 14th or 15th when last shipments from California can make the eastern marketing centers in time for Christmas trade.

Southwestern District: Lettuce loading in Salt River Valley continues its seasonal decline with harvest expected to be completed early in January. Yuma Valley loading reached full production first week of December with loading expected to continue in good volume through December 19th, after which it will start a gradual seasonal decline. Imperial Valley lettuce is steadily building up in daily volume with gradual increased loading expected to continue through month. It should reach volume of 100 cars daily by December 15th to 20th, and go into peak production and loading shortly after the first of the year. The Mexican vegetable movement has maintained steady volume crossing of from 20 to 30 cars per day which should continue through the month depending upon normal weather. In territory west of Banning, citrus and vegetable loading should maintain present volume through month, except for usual drop during Holiday periods.

T&NO: Following frost periods during latter part of November, weather in Rio Grande Valley has been intermittently cool and rainy, which has held back maturity of vegetable crops in that area. Vegetable loading in Eagle Pass-Uvalde section got underway during week of December 6th and it appears movement will increase steadily through remainder of month provided there are no further interruptions due to adverse weather conditions. In Rio Grande Valley some carrots are being harvested; however, heavy production is not expected much before the 15th of December.

ALONG UNION PACIFIC -

Potato loading in Idaho has been consistent and in good volume; however, it has not been as heavy as it could be due to feeling among most shippers that better markets may be expected after first of year. Although the storage crop is somewhat lighter than last year, quality is very good and growers and shippers are optimistic over future of the deal. In Utah, loading consists principally of canned goods and frozen turkeys for Christmas markets.

Northwestern District: Shipping from this territory consists of apples and pears from Hood River and Yakima storages; frozen foods, canned goods, and miscellaneous commodities from Puget Sound area. Movements should continue in steady seasonal volume with usual drop off during Holiday Season.

Eastern District: Meat loading from Gering, Nebraska, has been resumed in small amounts. Other loading in this district is mostly in Omaha and Kansas City areas and consists of packing house products, frozen foods, and miscellaneous from processing plants and storages.

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The following PFE people have recently retired from our service and to each of them we extend our best wishes for a long and happy retirement:

John C. Barnett	Iceman	Kansas City, Kansas
Andres Luna	Lead Workman	Roseville, Calif.
Clyde M. Hixson	Carman	Roseville, Calif.

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Courage, brother! do not stumble
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble,
Trust in God and do the Right.

--Norman MacLeod

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHAS. AHERN
Vice President & General Manager

The Management extends congratulations and best wishes to the following PFE employees who reached service anniversaries with our Company during the month of December 1959:

35 YEARS SERVICE

Donald R. Fraser	Traffic Department	San Francisco
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Mowrey	General Superintendent	Houston

30 YEARS SERVICE

Raymond R. LePage	Car Department	Los Angeles
Edwin W. Sanders	Car Department	Los Angeles
Virgil H. Sapp	Car Department	Los Angeles
Alejandro M. Garcia	Car Department	Tucson
Francisco R. Gastelum	Car Department	Tucson
Carlos E. Monreal	Car Department	Tucson
Louis M. Pesqueira	Car Department	Tucson
Ynocencio A. Rosas	Car Department	Tucson

25 YEARS SERVICE

J. J. Murphy	AGM's Office	Chicago
O. O. Bonebrake	Agency	Kansas City
J. R. Osenton	Agency	Kansas City
C. U. Dakin	Agency	Klamath Falls
Donald J. Crawford	Car Department	Los Angeles
Perry A. Willsey	Car Department	Los Angeles

20 YEARS SERVICE

Adam R. Daum	Car Department	Los Angeles

15 YEARS SERVICE

Miss Evelyn L. Solheim	Accounting Department	San Francisco
William Castleton	Agency	Tucson
Percy A. White	Car Department	Los Angeles
Carl A. Drapeau	Car Department	Nampa
Lewis C. Johnson	Car Department	Nampa
Thomas A. Fairchild	Car Department	Nampa
Paul D. Adamson	Car Department	Nampa
Floyd F. Stone	Car Department	Nampa
Alva R. Butler	Car Department	Pocatello
Henry W. Pritchett	Car Department	Pocatello
Mrs. Hazel I. McIlwain	Ice Plant	Bakersfield
V. O. Figueroa	Ice Plant	Tucson

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